

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HIGHWAY PROJECT INFORMATION

NDOT PROJECT:

STP-FL-S86B(102) Halsey Spur Bridge; CN 61472

The Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is currently soliciting public input on the proposed replacement of the bridge over the Middle Loup River (Structure Number SS86B 00021) on Nebraska Spur 86B (S-86B) in Thomas County.

Identified as ***Halsey Spur Bridge***, the proposed project would replace the bridge over the Middle Loup River located at approximately mile marker (MM) 0.21, about 0.21 miles south of the S-86B/Nebraska Highway 2 (N-2) junction near the Village of Halsey. The project would include the length of the bridge and 500 feet beyond both ends of the bridge.

The purpose of this proposed project is to preserve the transportation asset, improve the reliability of the transportation system and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this proposed project is based on the current condition of the bridge.

Proposed improvements on the project would consist of replacement of Structure Number SS86B 00021. Work would be required in the waterway. Guardrail would be removed, and grading would be required throughout the project.

The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights, which could include new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), permanent easements (PE), and/or temporary easements (TE). If your property is impacted by this project, you will be contacted by a representative once the design footprint has been established. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

The project would occur within the Bessey Recreation Complex at the Nebraska National Forest near Halsey. Permanent and temporary easements from the property would be acquired but no impacts to features of the Bessey Recreation Complex are anticipated. Recreational use of the Middle Loup River may be impacted in the immediate vicinity of the bridge structure during construction. The CCC-Era Recreation Complex Historic District would not be adversely affected. Wetland and/or other water resource impacts are anticipated; no mitigation would be required.

The proposed project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices.

Construction for the proposed project could begin as early as spring of 2026 and be completed by fall of 2026.

The public is encouraged to make suggestions or express concerns regarding this proposed project. Materials can be provided in alternative languages or formats. Comments will be collected through December 1, 2024. Written comments or requests should be submitted to: Sarah Fisher, Public Involvement Specialist, Nebraska Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 94759, Lincoln, NE 68509-4759; sarah.fisher@nebraska.gov; Voice Telephone (402) 479-3832, Fax (402) 479-3989.

Information regarding the proposed project will be made available on the NDOT website at ndot.info/61472. For those without internet access, information may be obtained through the contact above or at NDOT Headquarters, 1500 Nebraska Parkway, Lincoln, NE 68502. For further information contact Gary Thayer, NDOT District 6 Engineer, 1321 North Jeffers St., P.O. Box 1108, North Platte, NE 69103-1108, (308) 535-8031, gary.thayer@nebraska.gov.